

who named him Bishop of Marseilles in 1837 all are in this volume.

« These twenty-three years of battle and difficulties, which served him as the bitter school of experience, ushered in the great accomplishments of his apostolic life: the foundation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and the restoration of the Diocese of Marseilles.

« It is written in this general and local setting, with color and relief, with all the spiritual drama of a generous individual and an uncertain epoch, for Bishop de Mazenod found himself involved in all those controversies which inflame the souls of spirited men ».

Cross in the wilderness by Kay Cronin, Mitchell Press, Vancouver.

The review of her book which follows, appeared first in the B.C. Catholic. It was written by Rev. Dermot McInerney of the Archdiocese of Vancouver.

Someone along the line decided that history should be factual. Someone else must have decided that, to be factual, history should be dull and uninteresting. Once in a while a rebel appears and decides that history can be both factual and interesting. Kay Cronin is such a rebel.

Cross in the wilderness is the story of the early history of B.C. seen through the lives of the pioneer Oblate missionaries of this province. As one reads the exploits of Father Chirouse, Father Ricard, Father Pandosy, Father Coccola, he perceives a new world unfolding, for a new province is being formed from primeval forests and unbroken land. In this story the author has captured all the romance and heroism of the lives of these great men, yet has also retained their humanness.

I use the word « romance » purposely, for these men were profoundly in love with God and the souls of the Indians entrusted to their care. « Ask God, and have your good Indians ask Him, that He give me strength. Tell them that I am entirely sincere when I say that my greatest joy would have been to die in their midst. What a happiness it will be on the Last Day for a missionary to rise from the grave surrounded by the Indians he has converted ».

I use the word « heroism » as understatement, for their accomplishments in such a short period of time, over such a large expanse of territory and in the face of overwhelming odds cannot justly be described in words. Miss Cronin's simple account of their deeds will move deeply even the strongest man.

I use the word « humanness » with joy, for these missionaries were not, in the words of the author, « plaster saint », but truly men with both strengths and weaknesses. The accounts of Father Pandosy, Father Grandidier, Father Coccola, particularly illustrate this. They could be angry men, but even their anger was mitigated by their charity. The author has allowed the men to shine forth and, in truth, to speak for themselves.

In reading the book, the reader is led to some inescapable conclusions, even though the author quite obviously had no thesis in mind and no axe to grind. The two most important conclusions that this reader arrived at are, first, the whole school system that we have today in this province owes its beginning in great measure to the pioneer work of such men as D'Herbomez, Pandosy, Chirouse, McGuskin and Fouquet. The second conclusion concerns the character of the Indians. In times of discouragement, the missionaries were anything but complimentary in their descriptions of the

Indian's character. How, then, could one account for the later accomplishments of the missionaries? You cannot make jewelery from lead. The only conclusion seems to be that the Indian, in spite of his weaknesses, possessed two qualities — the ability to love deeply and a strong loyalty to those who befriended him.

Much discussion has been taking place lately about Canadian Culture. No people can have a culture unless they have a knowledge and love of their own historical antecedents. This is a knowledge and love that few Canadians possess. Books such as *Cross in the Wilderness*, by imparting that knowledge and instilling that love, will do much to nurture that Canadian Culture. It is to be hoped that this first endeavour by a new author will be followed by others.

A comment must be made on the quality of the published book. It is a tribute to all who played a part in its publication. The attractive cover bears a photograph of a mission church taken by Bishop O'Grady. The binding and printing are excellent. The quality of the paper is good. The book is well illustrated and the historical protographs themselves are wort the price of the book.

Cross in the wilderness is highly recommended for young and old alike. It is a « must » book for every school library. If you miss reading it, you are the loser.

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Le « British Columbia Catholic », paraissant à Vancouver, nous apprend la publication à la Mitchell Press de Vancouver de l'ouvrage intitulé « *Cross in the wilderness* », par Kay Cronin.

C'est le récit des exploits des Pères RICARD, CHIROUSE, PANDOSY, COCCOLA et autres, en Colombie Britannique, à l'Ouest des Montagnes Rocheuses, parmi les tribus indiennes diverses, éparpillées

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dans cette vaste région. Récit vivant et exaltant... C'étaient les « temps héroïques ». Les Pères ne ménageaient ni leurs efforts ni leurs fatigues. Ils aimaient ces pauvres Indiens ou Peaux-Rouges, vivaient avec eux et de leur vie, aussi peu racistes que leurs confrères de l'autre côté des Rocheuses, appliquant les méthodes de Mgr DURIEU et réussissant à les former à une vie foncièrement chrétienne dans un temps record.

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Une autre publication, due à Joseph C. Dakin, éditée par les Indiens Lummi (réserve du Puget Sound, diocèse actuel de Seattle) et qui a pour titre: « Commemorating the Centenary of the erection of the *St. Joachim's Mission church* 1861-1961 », relate en 31 pages l'histoire de cette mission et les souvenirs du P. E. Casimir CHIROUSE, O.M.I., qui en fut le premier missionnaire (cf. pp. 7, 10 à 21). Bien des détails sont inédits pour nous, bien que, parmi les auteurs cités dans la bibliographie, nous découvrons le P. ORTOLAN et les « Etudes Oblates » de 1947.

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La Revue « Le Sacré-Coeur » publiée par le Secrétariat des Oeuvres du Sacré-Coeur, 9, rue Chervier, Paray-le-Monial, nous offre, signée par Jean Rime, du 2e fascicule de 1959 au 2e de 1961, une biographie du Père Alfred YENVEUX, O.M.I., divisée en 9 articles.

L'auteur déclare avoir puisé dans le livre du P. Edmond THIRIET: « Un Apôtre du Sacré-Coeur, le Père YENVEUX, O.M.I. », édité par Charles Amat, 11, rue Cassette, Paris 1904, et aussi dans les nombreuses oeuvres du P. YENVEUX lui-même.

Il a écrit ces pages avec une grande piété et beaucoup de coeur. Il ne nous apporte aucun fait